



Sovereign Grace Church

March 31st, 2024

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

*“...I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.”*

(Habakkuk 3:18)

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“YE men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it.” The apostle then goes on to prove the resurrection of Christ from the words of David, to be according to scripture prophecy; and adds, *“Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; he,”* that is David, *“seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses”* (Acts 2:22, 30). AMEN!

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Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Pat Maddux, April 7th

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

‘The One That Is Better Off’

“And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.”

(Matthew 8:2)

SOMEHOW, some way by God’s mercy and by God’s grace we are going to have to find out that we are sinners. I don’t know how it is going to be done or whether it will ever be done, but we are going to have to find out these proud arrogant spirits and hearts are going to have to be crushed and broken before God and smitten. We are going to have to be *slain* or we will never be made *alive*. We are going to have to have our foundations cut out from under us and swept out from under us for we have got no place to rest our feet. Without hope, without God, without help, without strength, without hope, without Christ and at our wit’s end as Scott says at the end of the rope hanging by a thread over the open pits of hell. We have got to find that out.

I don’t know whether God will ever show me I am a sinner, but if He never does He will never save me. He will never save me. I have got to be stripped before I am clothed. I have said that 10,000 times. I like to hope 10 people have heard it. We are going to have to be *slain* before made *alive*. We are going to have to be *crippled* before we are *healed*. We are going to have to be *hopeless* at the wit’s end, crying unto the Lord in our troubles or we will never be *saved*.

Learning a doctrine doesn’t save you. Christ saves you. Changing from fundamentalism to Calvinism won’t save you. Changing from some other ‘ism’ to this ‘ism’ won’t save you. We are going to have to come to Him as a sinner, a stripped and broken sinner. We are going to have to come to Him like that leper fell at His feet and worshipped Him and cried, “Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean”—Thou can make me whole.

So many people were in this and now they are in that and they are no better off. So many folks saw this and then they saw that. They accepted this and they are no better off.

They only man that is better off is a man who is seeing himself lost, empty, slain and looked to Christ and reached out an empty hand and said, “If I can but touch him, I will be made whole.” That is the one that is better off.

— Henry Mahan

“...I will rejoice in the LORD...”

“...I will joy in the God of my salvation” (Habakkuk 3:18)

JOB’S servants may bring him mournful intelligence that the Sabeans’ fire from heaven, and the wind from God’s fist, had done their work; that these had wrought desolation, destruction, and death in his family and their surroundings. Where is Job? Is he rejoicing with the wild enthusiasm of the free-willer? No, he bows his head, and, through his tears, he saith, *“The LORD gave and the LORD hath taken away, blessed be the name of the LORD.”* There was a time for blessing. Look, again, at our old friend. Is this a time of rejoicing? Not according to man’s judgment, not according to our finite conception, not according to the rebelliousness of our carnal mind. Oh, no! but it is according to the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. *“Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls”*, no bread, no butter, not a crumb in the cupboard, and not a penny in thine exchequer, friends failing on the right and on the left; even then praise the Lord. Yes, *“Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation”* (Habakkuk 3:17,18). Here we find blessing the Lord at all times. *“What shall we then say to these things?”* I tell you what I say to them; I say there is no enjoyment of my Christ so sweet as it is when in company with those who experience fellowship with Him in His sufferings; and I have proved it here to-day, that it is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for we are thus brought to that blessed spot where all creatures resources fail, and where Jesus so reveals Himself as to cause us to look up and say, “Jesus, Thou art a true and tried Friend of ours, do undertake for us.” How many of you have been brought to this spot?

“[Lord] Jesus, my sorrow lies too deep for human ministry;

It knows not how to tell itself to any but to Thee.”

— Thomas Bradbury

Jesus Christ Made The Worlds

“[God] hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;”

(Hebrews 1:2)

READ what the scriptures say and believe what the scriptures say and rejoice in what the scriptures say, whether you can get a hold of it or not. You see, understanding comes by believing—believing never comes by understanding. I said that the way I meant it. Understanding comes by believing—believing never comes by understanding. I’ll give you an example. If I knew that I had the scientific knowledge and brilliance, I could sit down with some evolutionary scientist, well known, and I could convince him factually that evolution is a joke and creation is real. I wouldn’t spend five seconds trying to convince him, not five seconds, because he’ll never believe God just because I’ve convinced him. But if ever he comes to believe God, he’ll laugh at evolution and believe God and understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, that in the beginning God made the heavens and the earth.

— Don Fortner